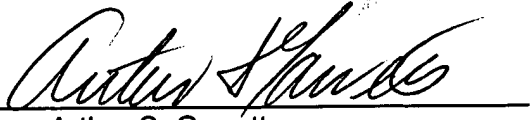


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APPENDIX TO AMENDMENT OF MAY 27, 2003

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Amendments to the Claims

8. (Amended) A method for preparing a furan polymer impregnated wood, [characterized in that the wood is impregnated by] comprising impregnating wood in one impregnation step with a polymerizable furfural alcohol monomer solution containing [at least] water, stabilizers of borax and sodium salts of lignosulfonic acids, [and] furfuryl alcohol, and at least one further compound selected from the group consisting of [anhydrides, acids] maleic anhydride, phthalic anhydride, maleic acid, malic acid, phthalic acid and combinations thereof, followed by a curing step.

9. (Amended) The method of claim 8, [characterized in that] wherein said curing step is performed [by use of] at a temperature in the range of from about 70 to about 140°C.

10. (Amended) The method of claim 9, [characterized in that] wherein said curing step requires conventional kiln drying using the normal temperature schedules for drying untreated, green lumber of the same size and species as the impregnated [material] wood, with temperatures at the beginning of curing about 70°C and at the end about 80°C, with a final post-curing step between 100 to 120° for [material] wood with maximum hardness and dryness.

11. (Amended) The method of claim 10, [characterized in that] wherein said curing and drying can be accomplished using high-temperature kiln schedules in the 80 to 120° temperature range.

12. (Amended) The method of claim 11, [characterized in that] wherein said curing is performed by submerging the [treated material] impregnated wood in hot oil[, preferably] at 80 to 120°C, with the temperature either fixed or starting lower in the range and increasing as curing and drying proceeds.

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